

Application Serial No. 10/087,866 Reply to Office Action mailed August 25, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 58-60, 62, 63, and 67-69 are pending in this application. The Applicants have cancelled claims 61 and 64-66. In an Office Action mailed by the Examiner on August 25, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 58-60 are allowable over the cited art and that claims 62, 63, and 67-69 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the Examiner's invitation, the Applicants respond by canceling claims 61, and 64-66 and amending claims 62, 63, and 67-69 to include all of the limitations of the previous base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have also made minor amendments to claims 59 and 60 to correct typographical errors. A Listing of Claims with the status of all claims and the text of the pending claims (including the amended claims) is included in this Response.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above Response, the Applicants submit that all pending claims in the instant application are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request an early action to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

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